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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF U-21 TEST PILOT

1. US ARMY (USA) IS SEEKING USAF AGREEMENT TO ASSIGN-
MENT TO SINGAPORE OF SECOND U-21 TEST PILOT, IN THIS
INSTANCE A SEASONED WARRANT OFFICER. USAF AFLC
DET-11 COMMANDER HAS SHOWN EMBASSY EXCHANGE OF
TELEGRAMS BETWEEN USAF AFLC AND USA AIR COMMAND IN
US IN WHICH USAF REFUSES AGREE TO ASSIGNMENT ON
GROUNDS WORKLOAD DOES NOT JUSTIFY TWO TEST PILOTS
THIS PROGRAM. LATEST MESSAGE FROM AFCMC WRIGHT
PATTERSON TO USA COMMAND ST. LOUIS QUOTED BELOW:
" AS REQUESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE, WE HAVE AGAIN EVALUATED
THE NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF AN
ADDITIONAL U-21 PILOT TO OL DET-11 SINGAPORE. BASED
ON TOTAL WORK LOAD, ASSIGNMENT OF AN AIR FORCE
FLIGHT TEST CREW, AND CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR,
WE CANNOT SUPPORT SUCH ACTION. WE CERTAINLY HAVE
NO OBJECTION IF THE PROPOSED WARRANT OFFICER
REPLACES THE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED ARMY PILOT, BUT THE
PROGRAM SIMPLY DOES NOT JUSTIFY TWO PILOTS SOLELY
FOR U -21 AIRCRAFT. THIS FOLLOWS OUR DIRECTION
AS CAO TO HOLD MANNING AT THIS FACILITY TO THE
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE
MISSION. WE MUST COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTION LOOKING
AT THE TOTAL FACILITY WORK LOAD. PLEASE ADVISE
IF YOU INTEND TO TERMINATE CAPT STARK AND REPLACE
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HIM WITH THE WARRANT OFFICER."

2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVENTUALLY DISAGREEMENT
WILL REACH DOD AND THAT DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS WILL
BE REQUESTED. EMBASSY POSITION IS THAT SECOND
USA TEST PILOT FOR U-21 PROGRAM IS NOT JUSTIFIED
AND THAT IF ASSIGNMENT EXPERIENCED WARRANT OFFICER
IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY, CURRENT USA PILOT, CAPT
STARK, SHOULD BE REASSIGNED. DET-11 COMMANDER CONCURS.
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